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FY 1999 Resource Enhancements

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Border Management

To strengthen Southwest border operations by targeting the most heavily trafficked corridors, 1,000 new Border Patrol agents will be deployed, most to the Southwest border. Five hundred new agents will be deployed in support of Operation Rio Grande and Operation Hold the Line, expanding coverage of the border across Texas and New Mexico for wider deterrence and ultimately greater control over illegal entries. Another 400 agents will be stationed in Arizona in support of Operation Safeguard, expanding and strengthening control of the border in that region. INS will deploy 78 agents to El Centro in response to smuggling activity that has shifted from San Diego as a result of the increased enforcement effectiveness created by Operation Gatekeeper. Twenty-two positions will be deployed to the northern border to deter possible increases in illegal entries at key northern border locations.

Border Patrol Agent Increases FY 1994 - FY 1999¹

Initiative/Sector	FY 94 - FY 98 Increases	Current Staffing ²	FY 99 Increase	Total Staffing
Operation Rio Grande	1,229	2,412	475	2,887
McAllen	588	1,011	250	1,261
Del Rio	287	583	80	663
Laredo	329	657	120	777
Marfa	25	161	25	186
Operation Safeguard	737	1,031	350	1,381
Tucson	737	1,031	350	1,381
Operation Gatekeeper	1,475	2,855	128	2,983
San Diego	1,235	2,244	–	2,244
El Centro	184	377	78	455
Yuma (CA and AZ)	56	234	50	284
Operation Hold the Line	401	991	25	1,016
El Paso (TX and NM)	401	991	25	1,016
Northern Border	–	140	22	162
Blaine	–	42	7	49
Detroit	–	29	7	36
Swanton	–	69	8	77
Puerto Rico	8	36	–	36
Service-wide Total	3,850	7,465	1,000	8,465

¹ This chart includes only those Border Patrol Sectors with increases in FY 1999.

² Authorized level prior to FY 1999 enhancements.